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SUBJECT: MARTIAL LAW REGULARIZED

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1. PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE AHMED ISSUED PROCLAMATION AFTERNOON AUGUST 20 REGULARIZING MARTIAL LAW. IN PROCLAMATION, HE FIRST CLEARS WAY, RETROACTIVELY, FOR HIM TO HOLD PRESIDENCY AND THEN CONFERS ON HIMSELF POWER TO ISSUE MARTIAL LAW ORDERS (MLOS) AND TO CREATE TRIBUNALS TO TRY ANYONE VIOLATING THE MLOS. MOST SIGNIFICANTLY, HE DOES NOT RPT NOO ABROGATE CONSTITUTION, ALTHOUGH IT IS MADE SUBSIDIARY TO MLOS AND REGULATIONS REQUIRED BY MLOS (AND IS AMENDED SLIGHTLY TO ENABLE HIS SUCCESSION TO PRESIDENCY). HE ALSO CONTINUES IN FORCE ALL ACTS, ORDINANCES, PRESIDENT'S ORDERS, OTHER ORDERS, ET CETERA IN FORCE ON THE MORNING OG AUGUST 15.

2. COMMENT: PROCLAMATION, WHICH SOMEWHAT SLOPPILY DRAWN, GIVES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JURIDICAL BASIS TO PRESIDENT MUSHTAQUE'S GOVERNMENT AND IS SIG-

NIFICANT INDICATOR THAT NEW REGIME MAY BE TURNING ITS MIND TO
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